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CHINESE INCOME TAX OBJECTIONS

Strongly Worded Petition From Chamber Of Commerce Appeal To Members Of Councils

(By Margaret Bradbury)
Strongly worded letters, urging Government to postpone the introduction of income tax to the Colony will reach all Chinese representatives on the Executive and Legislative Councils this morning from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce which held a special meeting yesterday to discuss the subject.

The letter, which takes the form of a petition, is signed by Mr. Tung Chung Wai, Chairman of the Chamber, which has a total membership of 8,000.

After the meeting yesterday, when members deliberated for over four hours, a sub-committee was set up to deal with any matters which might arise in connection with the proposed taxation.

After making an unfavourable statement on the introduction of income tax to the Colony Mr. Tung told me: "Following the liberation of the Colony, the merchants at least, had to see their way to recovering great wartime losses. So far they are not yet back on their feet, and it is plain that the resumption of the Colony's trade is not yet in full swing. The majority of the merchants here have had to rebuild their homes, re-establish their business, and generally start everything anew. The cost of living is very high at present and the people have not got a sound personal budget for their expenses. If the further burden of taxation is imposed upon them they will find living increasingly difficult."

Mr. Tung particularly emphasized the following three points—1. If the "White collar" class cannot see their way to a steady economic way of life the efficiency of their work will accordingly be interrupted; 2. If employers have to give subsidy to their workers owing to present high living costs, they would have to support a heavier burden than now; 3. If the employers cannot see their way to giving this subsidy then they would have to reduce the number of staffs, thereby causing the question of unemployment to arise.

Mr. Tung pointed out that the people were not certain of their livelihood to-day and might be driven to all sorts of misdemeanours in order to live.

Effect On Trade
"I do not doubt," he said, "that this new taxation would bar the opportunity of revival of Hong Kong trade. With regard to the new system of book-keeping to be enforced throughout the Colony, although it is a good idea, it would cause a lot of trouble among the Chinese firms because of their age-long habits. I suggest that instead of asking firms to change their book-keeping system, it might be practicable for the Government to employ assessment officers who know both the old and the new systems of book-keeping. This would lessen the difficulty on the part of the merchants."

"If income tax must be levied," said Mr. Tung, "the Government must take into consideration the increased cost of living which has risen five or six times its pre-war standard. Accordingly the amount of income on which tax is levied should be raised about five or six times."

Pointing out that during the occupation goods in the godowns which were taken away by the Japanese amounted to about 40 million dollars, Mr. Tung said he thought that the Government might consult the owners and ask them to contribute a sum for the reconstruction work of the Colony by using Government bonds. The Government would account for the bonds by taking reparation from Japan.

Flight Of Capital?
During the meeting Mr. Kwok Chan, Vice-Chairman, said that in 1941 Government considered the introduction of income tax to the Colony but due to the universal opposition of the people the subject was dropped.

At that time, said Mr. Kwok, "the Colony was prosperous. Surely the question ought not to arise now, when the Colony is far from being prosperous."

"At present Hong Kong's trade has declined tremendously. An increased burden in the form of taxation would surely worsen the situation," Mr. Kwok added that he was afraid, if income tax were levied, that it would mean the removal of a certain amount of capital from the Colony.

Towards the end of the meeting a vote was taken on the subject of forwarding a letter to each Chinese member on the Councils with a view to calling for their support in the postponement of the Tax. This vote was carried by a majority.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce is to hold a committee meeting on Friday next, when the subject of income tax will be discussed.

Ex-Emperor In H.K.
New York, Mar. 10. Dispatches from Paris report that the French Government sent emissaries to former Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, at Hong Kong 10 days ago to sound out whether he would return to power in Viet Nam to liquidate the civil war.

The Viet Namese sources said the former emperor, who was educated in France, told the emissaries he would not return to power "on a wave of French bayonets," but only at the request of Dr. Ho Chi-minh after a plebiscite.

Other French sources, according to Paris dispatches, said the French Minister of Colonies, M. Marius Moutet, has established contact with a fugitive Viet Nam group now staying in Nanking under the protection of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. —United Press.

Sun Returns To Britain
A day of brilliant spring-like sunshine in southern England and the highest temperature for two months gave hope today that the end of the snow spell, which has brought the country's industrial life to a near standstill, is now in sight.

In London, the day was the warmest since Jan. 18 and at 3.00 p.m. (GMT) the temperature was 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Generally, London has been five degrees warmer than yesterday and the thermometer has never sunk below 36 degrees.

At the university town of Cambridge, 48 miles from London, the thermometer went up to 64 degrees. However, more snow was reported from the north of England and a vicious blizzard swept Yorkshire.

After last weekend's predicted thaw had turned out to be the worst blizzard of the winter, the Air Ministry today were cautious about expressing a forecast of "outlook."

The most they would say was that "mild conditions are expected to spread across all southern districts, preceded by a period of snow, sleet or rain."

In spite of the sun, roads were still dangerous today over wide areas of the country, snow giving way to equally dangerous slush.

The Great North Road—main trunk route between London and Scotland—which was cut in many places by snow last week, is now open again throughout its length. —Reuter.

ATTACKED BY "GHOSTS"

Monday, Mar. 10.
The "Monthly Bulletin" reported that a crazed 19-year-old Filipino skipped out a knife while riding a bus—in a fit of "ghost" hysteria—attempting to strangle him—and backed his fellow passengers, killing six and wounding ten.

Among those he killed were an expectant mother and her two-year-old son. The tragedy occurred on the bus was entering San Sebastian in Basque Province. —United Press.

Old Love Letter Jailed Him

Bristol, Mar. 9.
A year-old love letter landed Jack A. Bryan, 19-year-old American sailor from Brighton, Alabama, back in gaol today.

Bryan escaped on Saturday morning from the naval detention barracks in Grosvenor Square, London, and made straight for his girl-friend's home, 120 miles away, in Bristol. But he forgot about an old envelope with a half-erased address on the back of it.

The address was of the girl he fell in love with when his ship was at Avonmouth Docks, Bristol, a year ago. American naval police, however, remembered the old envelope taken from Bryan when he was first arrested and they telephoned the Bristol police.

When sailor Bryan knocked at his girl friend's door in Bristol a few hours later, Detective-Constable Phillip Warner was waiting for him with handcuffs. —United Press.

BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS

La Paz, Bolivia, Mar. 9.
The Bolivian Congress today proclaimed Doctor Enrique Hertzog President and Doctor Mamerto Urriola Gaitan, Vice-President for 1947 to 1951.

As Doctor Hertzog failed to secure an absolute majority in the presidential election in January, over his opponent Doctor Luis Guachalla, Congress had to decide between them. —Reuter.

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H.K. Man's Search For Japanese Girl

Tokyo, Mar. 10.
A Hong Kong resident has written to one of Tokyo's leading newspapers to find his Japanese girl whom he met in Hong Kong in 1943.

In a letter which SCAP censorship in Tokyo cleared before delivery by regular post office channels to the newspaper, the Hong Kong man wrote on Feb. 2, 1947, asking the newspaper "to make every endeavour" to find the girl, Masuko Matsuda of Kobe "whom I call Mabel."

He even enclosed US\$50.00 so the paper could carry "several" insertions and also some insertions in a Kobe newspaper. He wrote "my request is urgent—almost desperate."

A representative of the newspaper said "This man apparently does not know it costs nearly 300 yen for a single advertisement insertion in Japanese newspapers today under present inflation-hit Japan. However, I suppose we will carry the insertions because it is for a someone find his girl friend."

(Under the official military conversion rate of 15 yen to US\$1.00 five dollars would amount to only 75 yen.)

The man told the newspaper "I am sorry there are no deep cause in trying to help."

Round-Up Of Terrorists

Jerusalem, Mar. 10.
British troops and police in a swift clean-up today seized 20 suspects in their search for the Jewish underground members who attacked the British Army camp at Hedera on Sunday killing one soldier and seriously wounding six.

It was the second Jew terrorist raid on the camp, located south of Haifa near the coast, as the underground carried its offensive against the British Army into the second week.

One hundred other Jews were detained in Tel-Aviv on Sunday following an underground raid on the British military headquarters there in which five were killed. —United Press.

Woman Murdered

Tel Aviv, Mar. 9.
A 40-year-old Jewish police-woman named Khadia Mizrahi, was murdered by an unknown gunman in Rehovoth, near Tel Aviv, last night.

Her body was riddled with eight bullets.

An 18-year-old Jewess, Esther Tawanshi, was shot at and seriously wounded by a military guard in Tel Aviv today. She failed to turn back when challenged at the barred wire barrier in Carmel Street, the Public Information Office said. —Reuter.

THE WEATHER

The anticyclone over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas is weakening, pressure being highest over the Lower Yangtze. A trough of low pressure extends from the Kuriles to the Bonins. Pressure is falling over Manchuria and a small depression is developing in the H. of P. China.

Today's Forecast—Fresh E and NE winds, mainly cloudy, rather milder. Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 60.0 deg. Fah. Minimum 32.1 deg. Fah. Sunshine 10.4 hours. Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1947 mm. at observation station of 101.5 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 p.m. Baro. at m.s.l. 1017.0 1015.4 1013.8. Wind direction 40 40 40. Wind force 4 4 4. Humidity 44 44 44. Dew point 42 42 42. Wind direction 40 40 40. Wind force 4 4 4. Humidity 44 44 44. Dew point 42 42 42.

NEW TELEGRAM RATES

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
The Chinese Government Radio Administration today announced new rates for radiograms of all classes to places outside of China, representing an increase of about 100 per cent.

The increase is said to have been rendered necessary by the recent escalation of the foreign exchange rate. Hong Kong and domestic rates are unchanged. —Reuter.

AMERICANS IN HAIFA COURT

Jerusalem, Mar. 9.
Twenty of the crew—including 18 Americans—of the Jewish illegal immigrant ship Abil, which reached Haifa last night with 509 men, women and children on board, will appear before the Haifa magistrates' court tomorrow charged with "aiding and abetting" illegal immigration.

All but three of the immigrants were today transhipped without incident to two ships which have left for Cyprus. —Reuter.

Police Chief Arrested

Paris, Mar. 9.
Armand Fournet, Paris Police Commissioner who raised the French flag over the Police Prefecture in the fighting for the liberation of Paris, was arrested today on a charge of having disclosed confidential information to Joseph Joanowicz, thereby allowing him to escape from justice.

Joanowicz is a Russian by birth who served during the war in the police resistance group known as "Honour and Police," led by Fournet.

The police declined to disclose why they are now searching for Joanowicz.

In announcing the arrest of Fournet, police officials recalled that he was one of the outstanding figures of the French Resistance, and was credited with having attacked and destroyed a German "Tiger" tank single-handed during the battle of Paris. —Reuter.

Empire Trade Talks

London, Mar. 10.
The future of Imperial Preference will figure largely in talks beginning in London tomorrow between delegations from Britain, the Dominions, India, Burma, Ceylon and other parts of the Empire.

They will give a clearer and more up-to-date reaction to the strong moves, principally from the United States, for a considerable reduction or elimination of these preferential tariffs as part of the world trade plan.

The talks will be exploratory, leaving each country free to act as it sees fit at Geneva where the second session of the United Nations conference on trade and employment opens on April 10.

An attempt to produce a common policy there will only be made. It is suggested, if tomorrow's talks show virtual unanimity, if divergencies are shown, the delegations will agree to differ. The talks will be strictly private. —Reuter.

Sabotage Of Plane In Mid-Air?

Rome, Mar. 9.
The English language Rome daily, "American," reported today that a member of Egypt's Royal Family who came to Italy to investigate the crash of the Italian military plane at Terracina on Feb. 15 "is convinced it was exploded in mid-air by a bomb."

Quoting informed sources, the "American" said Prince Ibrahim Faruk, relative of King Farouk, had indicated that "certain persons" hoped to prevent the plane from reaching its true destination, and said the Prince "stated flatly that the plane was 'unauthorized' and 'secret'."

The newspaper also said Prince Faruk allegedly came to Italy on King Farouk's personal order. Princess Amira Asem Farouk, also a relative of Egypt's King, was killed in the crash with 18 others.

The "American" said it was not clear whether the plane was sabotaged or whether it was a technical accident. —United Press.

ATTLEE CABINET RESHUFFLE?

London, Mar. 10.
Prime Minister Attlee, on the eve of the toughest test his Government has had to meet in the House of Commons, went before his Parliamentary Labour Party today in an outspoken meeting which observers expected to produce a Cabinet reshuffle soon.

Mr. Attlee went before the Party to coordinate his forces for the three-day debate in the Commons on "Government's economic White Paper. Labour holds 393 of the 640 seats in the House and Mr. Attlee is expected to tell his Party not to abstain from voting in the debate for any reason.

Reports leaking from today's Labour Party meeting said a back bench levelled criticism against several members of the Cabinet.

These reports said Food Minister John Strachey and Minister of Trade Sir Stafford Cripps came under fire. One back bench member referred to Strachey, who recently concluded an agreement in Washington to purchase United States surplus of turkeys, as "Turkey Strachey."

Sir Stafford, not over-popular with his Party and definitely unpopular with the Opposition and large sections of the British press, was criticised for his administration of the Board of Trade. It is understood it was suggested that he be removed as President of the Board of Trade and made Lord President of the Council and leader of the House in place of Mr. Herbert Morrison.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, at present ill with thrombosis. The latter, in turn, would be made President of the Board of Trade if and when his health permits his return to politics.

Strong Man
Mr. Morrison's malady is considered a bad break for him. Insiders said Mr. Morrison had hoped when the inevitable attack on Government is launched by the Conservatives to emerge as the undisputed strong man of his Party. They said he had hoped to establish himself as Prime Minister should Mr. Attlee, who incidentally enjoys the overwhelming confidence of Labour's rank and file at present, step down.

Now with Mr. Morrison sick and Mr. Ernest Bevin in Moscow, the Labour Party fell back on its "second tier" of big guns to answer the booming fire expected from the Tory front bench.

Tragedy In The Harbour
One European and two Chinese members of the Water Police were drowned as result of a collision in the harbour early yesterday morning.

They were Sub-inspector Alexander Paul Zarembo, 36, Treuing Hong (Chinese engineer No. 17) and Ngai Fo Lum (Chinese Stoker No. 74). The tragedy occurred when the police launch in which they were travelling on harbour patrol duty was involved in a collision with the as Tai-po-shan, which was entering harbour from Foochow at 5 a.m.

There were three survivors—all Chinese members of the crew. The Tai-po-shan is a coastal steamer of some 2,000 tons and is owned by the Shun Cheong Steamship Co.

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BATTLE OF HONG KONG

Alleged Massacre Of Prisoners

General On War Crimes Charges

The trial of Major-General Shoji Toshishige, (one of three divisional commanders who led Japanese troops in the assault on Hong Kong Island from Dec. 17 to Dec. 26, 1941) on charges of being concerned in the ill-treatment and killing of British, Canadian, Chinese and Indian prisoners of war and of surrendered Red Cross personnel commenced yesterday before No. 5 War Crimes Court.

The objective of the Shoji Unit, the Prosecuting Officer, Major G. B. Puddicombe, K.C., said in his opening address, was to get to the City of Victoria on Hong Kong Island via Wong-Nei-Chong Gap and Mt. Nicholson. The prosecution would adduce evidence that during the whole of the fighting the accused was in constant contact with his troops and all the prisoners on the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area were captured by his regiment.

Though generally British troops surrendered on terms that prisoners would suffer no harm and the wounded would be looked after, evidence would be adduced of the beating, bayonetting and general ill-treatment of surrendered personnel.

The case is being heard by a Court comprising Lieut.-Col. R. C. Laming, of the Department of the Judge Advocate General, India (President), Major J. T. Loranger, of the J.A.G. Branch, Canadian Army, and Capt. K. R. Busfield, R.A.C.

Accused is defended by Mr. Takano Juniro, with Capt. J. N. Whitehorn as Adviser.

In his opening address, Major Puddicombe said: "The accused, Maj. Gen. Shoji Toshishige was at all times material to the charge the commanding officer of the 230th Infantry Regiment of the 38th Division of the Imperial Japanese Army."

"As appears in several voluntary statements made by him, he took part in the landing in the Island of Hong Kong which eventually led to the capture of the Island on December 25, 1941. The landing, which commenced at 2150 hrs. on December 18, 1941, was made by three Regiments, namely the 230th Regiment commanded by the accused, the 228th Regiment commanded by Col. Doi and the 229th Regiment commanded by Col. Tanaka."

Jardine's Lookout
"The accused himself landed at 2240 hrs. on Dec. 18, 1941, at a position about 600 metres East of North Point and advanced with his troops. His objective was to get to the City of Victoria on Hong Kong Island via Wong-Nei-Chong Gap and Mt. Nicholson."

"At 0330 hrs. the accused himself arrived at a point NE of Jardine's Lookout, which was a hill strongly defended by the British."

"On his arrival he received a

report that some of the pill-box defences at Jardine's Lookout had been captured by his troops. He then decided to stage a pincer movement. No. 3 Battalion of his Regiment being sent to the right of the pill-box defences heading towards the north slope of Mt. Nicholson and No. 2 Battalion to cut through the defences at Jardine's Lookout heading towards a five-pronged road at Wong-Nei-Chong Gap which, it will be shown, represents a junction of the Stanley Gap Road, Wong-Nei-Chong Road, Black's Link, Deep Water Bay Road and Repulse Bay Road."

"The accused himself followed up the No. 3 Battalion with two reserve companies. The operation commenced at 0500 hrs. on Dec. 19, 1941, and by 0800 hrs. the five-pronged road junction was completely invested. Heavy casualties were suffered by both sides. Thence onwards sporadic fighting ensued until the afternoon of Dec. 23, 1941, when the whole Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area was invested."

Gap Road Dugout
"On Dec. 19-20, 1941, the accused occupied a dugout situated at a point on Stanley Gap Road just before it joins Wong-Nei-Chong Road. In the early morning of Dec. 21, 1941, he moved into a pill-box approximately 100 yards away on the East side of Wong-Nei-Chong Road. This pill-box was almost directly opposite the Hqs. of the Canadian Troops defending that area. The Canadian Hqs. was captured by the Okada Unit of the 3rd Battalion of the accused's Regiment."

"Capt. N. C. Watson, an Investigating Officer, will appear to testify that on information supplied by the accused, he visited the Canadian Hqs. and in a structure which appeared to be a garage there exists today in inscription on one of the walls indicating that the place was captured by the Okada Unit. As also appears in the accused's statements, no other troops except those from his own regiment, participated in the fighting in the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area until the night of Dec. 20-21, 1941."

"During the whole of the fighting, the accused was in constant contact with his troops, and all the prisoners in the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area were captured by the accused's Regiment. From Wong-Nei-Chong Gap these prisoners were sent to Divisional Hqs. at North Point, escorted by the accused's troops."

Bayonetting Of Prisoners

"Capt. Ushiyama Yukio, of the Kempetai, attached to the 38th Division will confirm personally that the accused was the Commanding Officer of the 230th Regiment and that it was this Regiment which took Wong-Nei-Chong Gap."

"It will be shown that between Dec. 12-23, 1941, within less than a square mile, various atrocities were committed in the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area by troops under the accused's command. The Prosecution will call five witnesses and will also tender in evidence the sworn or signed statements of 16 others who are not now in Hong Kong."

"Five witnesses will relate in person the conditions under which they surrendered and what occurred immediately afterwards. Generally, the surrender was made on the terms that prisoners would suffer no harm and the wounded would be looked after."

"Almost immediately some prisoners were bayoneted by Japanese troops, presumably

from his own statement, those under the command of the accused, without provocation. Another incident, which will be testified to by affidavit, is that of the bayonetting of four Canadians."

"In this case, it is desired to point out that, according to one affidavit, there was provocation; if not excuse. The Court will recognise this occurrence as it is described. As it concerns one Land, it will be referred to as the 'Land Incident.' From the evidence presented, the Court will determine whether this incident occurred after Land had surrendered and, if so, whether in respect to it, the accused could be held culpable."

Crammed In Building

"There will be evidence of the bayonetting of wounded and further evidence of wounded having been left behind and never having been heard of again. It will be important to bear the date and places of occurrences in mind. For instance, evidence will be given that some of the alleged atrocities took place on December 19, 1941, at a point on Stanley Gap Road; that on the night of the 19th-20th a large number of prisoners were crammed into a small building situated at the junction of Stanley Gap Road and a road leading up to Jardine's Lookout; that at that time the accused had set up headquarters on Wong-Nei-Chong Gap and subsequently moved to a more northern position. This is of importance because, it is submitted, it has a bearing on the responsibility of the accused, or otherwise, for what happened."

"There will also be evidence adduced respecting the treatment of the prisoners whilst being marched from the battle field to the concentration point at North Point. Thus, it will be the Court's task to determine whether the escorting troops were under the command of the accused or whether they were, for instance, members of the Kempetai employed in escort duty."

"Chiefly, it will be necessary for the Court to decide in arriving at the conclusion of the innocence or guilt of the accused, whether or not his responsibility extended to the actions of individuals."

Policy Of Murder

"In this regard, it is suggested, with respect, that the Court may examine whether superiors, either Officers, Warrent Officers or Senior N.C.O.s were present, when one or other of the various incidents took place; whether the accused exercised proper control over his troops; whether a policy of murder of the wounded charges, to such an extent that, not only must the accused have been aware thereof but also that it was the practice, in this particular action, either instigated by or, at least, accepted and condoned by him."

"If the Court finds in the affirmative, then, it is submitted the accused may be found guilty, to a greater or

lesser extent of being, in the language of the Charge, 'Concerned in the ill-treatment and killing of the personnel taken prisoners of war.'

Major Puddicombe then went into the witness-box to testify in regard to photographs taken of the Wong-Nei-Chong Gap area. The next witness called was Capt. E. C. Watson, of No. 141 War Crimes Investigation Team, who said that he had interrogated accused at Stanley Gap on Nov. 8 last year. Accused had told him of a dugout near Wong-Nei-Chong Road where there was an inscription made on the wall by one of his officers named Okada. On Nov. 18, accused was taken out to Wong-Nei-Chong Gap and he led witness to the spot."

Capt. Watson testified further to various affidavits made by prisoners captured by the Shoji Unit who were now in Canada and to statements made by Shoji."

Attack Plans

Sgt. Roy Ito, of the Canadian Army Intelligence Corps, attached as interpreter-translator to War Crimes Investigation, identified a photograph of the inscription, which he translated: "Okada Unit captured Dec. 23, 1941. The figures 15.00 probably referred to 15 hours, Sgt. Ito said. Witness testified further to have translated statements made by accused under caution."

Further evidence of interpretation was given by another War Crimes Investigation Unit interpreter, Alphonse Rigault. The next witness called was Capt. Ushiyama Yukio, who said that he had been commandant of the Western District Gendarmerie. Ushiyama said that in December, 1941, he was in the Gendarmerie detachment attached to the division that attacked Hong Kong Island."

He had attended a Gendarmerie conference in Kowloon before the landing in Hong Kong. There he had learned that the attack was to be carried out by the Sano Division, which was to comprise the Shoji, Doi and Tanaka Units. General orders were that the Shoji Unit was to take the right flank of the attack after the landing, the Doi Unit the centre and the Tanaka Unit the left flank. These Units were to land first and were to be followed by quick-firing, light and heavy mortar detachments, an engineering regiment and gendarme and transport units bringing up the rear of the initial attack."

The Shoji Unit was to land in the North Point area near Shau-kiwan on Dec. 18 at 10 p.m. and advance to Victoria Point by noon on Dec. 19. They were ordered to stay away from residential sections and to use mountain routes."

Fierce Battle

The Unit reached Wong-Nei-Chong Gap by passing Jardine's Lookout without encountering anything but slight resistance but were held up there three days by a fierce battle put up by the defenders."

In that period, witness said, he was himself at North Point. A Gendarmerie Unit with military police duties had been landed there under command of Lieut.-Col. Nomura to keep order behind the lines."

Under cross-examination by defence counsel, witness said that he had heard Shoji addressed his troops to the effect that "The Hong Kong campaign will be a historical campaign carried out with the eyes of the world looking on. It is most likely that prisoners of war will be captured. Treatment of prisoners should be carried out according to International Law on the basis of humanity and justice."

Witness said the Shoji Unit had

UNLUCKY JAP

The unluckiest Japanese in South-East Asia is Sgt. Yamauchi Satoru. Tried and acquitted in the famous "Double Ten" trial in Singapore last year, Yamauchi then found himself on board a Japanese ship bound for Japan on "repatriation". The next move came when a War Crimes Investigator in Penang, Malaya, signalled Singapore that Yamauchi was wanted for murder. War Crimes H.Q. in Singapore then signalled Hong Kong, who had Yamauchi arrested. Now he is back in Singapore residing in Changi Jail.

not encountered resistance until it had reached Wong-Nei-Chong Gap. There was furious resistance between Dec. 19 and 22. The first prisoners were taken on Dec. 23. This he had learned from the Lieutenant in charge of the Auxiliary Kempetai. These prisoners were collected on the beach near divisional headquarters at North Point."

On Dec. 19-20 the Shoji Unit was not in communication with divisional headquarters and it was rumoured that the unit had been annihilated. The divisional commander was worried over this, witness said, and sent his chief of staff, Oyadomari, to investigate."

Oyadomari returned with the report that the British Army was counterattacking with tanks and he was ordered to construct obstacles to impede their progress. When engaged in this work, Oyadomari's staff car drove up and he learned what was happening from him. This was just before dark on Dec. 20."

Heavy Casualties

Oyadomari told him that the Shoji Unit had suffered some casualties; among them a Battalion commander, Noguchi, but that Shoji himself was unhurt. He said that the British Army had been pushed away from the junction of the five roads, but that the Shoji Unit itself had been pushed into a valley north of that point and was near a pill-box from which it was receiving heavy fire. The British Army in front of the Shoji Unit was "unexpectedly very stubborn" and the Shoji Unit was under heavy pressure from the enemy. No prisoners had been taken."

The Medical Unit attached to the Shoji Unit was appealing for reinforcements to cope with the heavy casualties. Late on the night of Dec. 20 an order came from Divisional Headquarters that 100 members of the Kempetai, under an officer he sent to reinforce the Medical Unit. These were sent under the command of a 2/Lieut. Asano. They kept bringing back the casualties of the Shoji, and to a lesser extent of the Doi Unit. One of the N.C.O.s under Asano brought back some prisoners."

About this time he received a tin of corned beef and some biscuits from the British. This was from the Doi Unit which, while the Shoji Unit was in the valley receiving heavy fire from front and flanks and was reported to be almost exhausted, had captured a large quantity of corned beef and biscuits."

He heard also that the Hayabusa Battalion had taken some prisoners and that a hut in which they had been confined was hit, causing a number of casualties among the prisoners."

The battlefield of the Doi Unit was the vicinity of the junction of the five roads. The Doi Unit marched west after crossing the peaks of Mt. Nicholson and Mt. Cameron. The three units met near this junction on the night of Dec. 19 the Tanaka Unit, branching off left from that point. Hearing continues this morning."

Norwegian Skymaster In H.K.

The first Norwegian airliner from Norway arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday, bringing Mr. Braathen, the managing owner of the Braathens South America & Far East Airtransport Limited, Oslo.

Interviewed by a "China Mail" representative, Mr. Braathen said that he had been trading with Hong Kong and China for the past 20 years, but had never had the pleasure of coming to pay a personal visit. He hopes to start a regular flight every fortnight from Oslo/London to Hong Kong in the near future and eventually a service to Shanghai.

The aircraft is a four-engined "Skymaster" DC-4, carrying 22 passengers and four tons of cargo, or 44 passengers. The agents in Hong Kong are Wallen & Company, Captain C. Kraft being the technical representative. The plane left early this morning for the return flight to Norway, and is expected to arrive in Oslo on Friday.

SOLICITOR TO WED

The forthcoming wedding was announced of Ferdinand Gerald Nigel, solicitor of the Hong Kong Club, and Patricia Anne Mitchell, 9 Abernethy Court, May Road. Robert Michael Bluestone, 102 Waterloo Road, 2nd floor, Assistant Supt., Kwong Hip Lung Shipyard, and Oliver Annette Lyson, 301 Prince Edward Road.

A casting meeting for the Stage Club's next production, Noel Coward's comedy "Present Laughter", is being held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Forces Education Centre, Kennedy Road. All who are interested are invited to attend.

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Readers' Letters

Income Tax And Morals

Sir,—As you put it in your leading article on Sunday, the draft of Government's so-called income tax plan, with its thousand words and complicated terminology and detail, calls for somewhat lengthy study.

Two points about it occur to me, however, after a preliminary survey. Both concern an apparent incursion into the realm of morals. For instance, a legal wife enables a man to claim \$4,000 per annum deduction from taxable income. Where a wife is in employment and earning in excess of \$350 a month, it would appear to be a financial advantage for them to be divorced and then to live together. "In sin," if she is no longer his wife, her income is no longer liable to joint assessment with his.

The other point concerns what seems to be an attempt to victimize sincere Roman Catholics. No deductions are to be made for more than four children. The Roman Catholic would, it seems to me, thus be torn between the dictates of religion and conscience on the one hand and his sheer inability to cope with the situation caused by a growing family with no further deductions from taxable income on the other. TSK.

Quality Not Quantity?

Sir,—Approve Article regarding Great Britain's "Second Class Navy" appearing in today's issue. I am sure that any Britisher who has witnessed the

to do with the Royal Navy, (e.g. Eldridge's "Wrath over Burma") would appear to have overlooked the little detail that Great Britain lost more of her ships before Pearl Harbour. (Remember!) than probably Uncle Sugar lost in the whole period of his participation.

In spite of a Labour Government that is determined to drain the old Empire down the drain as fast as possible, are there not any wallahs in high places who will get on their hind legs and tell a few of the Nimblet et al. that there were a couple of other countries who did a little scrapping in the late "incident" before, during and after the aforementioned Uncle Sugar became involved?

QUEEN ANT.

The Anthem
Sir,—Being fortunate enough to possess a radio with a short wave coil incorporated, it is found that I can listen to the entertaining music radiated from most of the countries of the world.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that at the conclusion of the programmes radiated from Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, which are, according to the Statute of Westminster, underpinned to be Dominions, the National Anthem is played. Should it not be too important to ask why should not a Colony that is capable of supporting a radio station not follow the example of the senior members?

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MAGISTRATE RAISES INSPECTOR'S BAIL

At the conclusion of the Lower Court hearing of the case in which Benedict Lee Kin is being charged with procuring Leung Kai to demand on divers dates a bribe of \$50, the Examining Magistrate, Mr. H. W. Latimer, granted the Crown's application for the defendant's bail to be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 (half in cash and the other half in two sureties), should the defendant fail to produce the necessary bail, further directed the Magistrate, he was to be held in custody until his appearance before the High Courts at the Sessions.

In granting the application, His Worship said that he was confident that when his learned brother-magistrate, Mr. Blair-Kerr, originally fixed bail at \$10,000 he was not in possession of the full facts of the case and was, therefore, unaware of the seriousness of the charge. Mr. Latimer expressed confidence that if Mr. Blair-Kerr had known what had been revealed in the hearings, he would have taken an entirely different view.

Personally, continued Mr. Latimer, he always takes a most serious view of cases of the nature before the Court, and, in the present case, felt that he could not possibly grant bail at under \$20,000.

Another highlight of yesterday's hearing was the minute description given by Leung Kai, who was formerly charged with demanding by force with intent to steal \$50 per month from Tao Kwok-fai as protection fee for the Kowloon Traffic Department and who was later discharged to turn Crown Witness, of the alleged system of graft adopted by accused who was a Chinese Sub-Inspector in the Traffic Department.

Evidence was also tendered by nine lorry drivers and owners regarding the alleged demands made on them by Lee Kin, through Leung Kai or, in some alleged cases, direct.

He paid over \$100, said witness, as the result of which he did not receive the threatened summons for speeding.

Owner-driver of lorry 5531 Wong Tai-kau, residing at 7 Main Street, On Long, stated that on the 15th day of the 12th month he was driving his lorry from Yau-mat to Shamshuipo when he was stopped by accused and told that he was carrying an excessive number of passengers and that he had no right to place the small cart basket in the driver's cab. Three days after he was fined \$10 he received a report from one of his drivers as the result of which he called on the defendant at 302 Nathan Road, second floor, where he saw Lee Kin and was told that everybody was paying money on their vehicles and that he, witness, had to pay \$40 for his. He paid this sum and another \$40 about a month later, declared witness.

Leung Kai, testified that after some time he had been summoned by accused for expenses for his two lorries, 5118 and 5122, was reduced to \$50. Defendant, said witness, threatened that if the money was not paid action would be taken against him for obstruction, speeding, and breaches of the Traffic Regulations.

For having two passengers in the driver's cab, Tang Chak, driver of 5458, had his licence number taken down by defendant, according to his evidence. He was asked why he was asked to go to request his employer, who also owned lorries 5222 and 5223, to call at 302 Nathan Road, second floor. As the owner did not go, said witness, he turned up instead and was told by accused that he had to pay \$50 per lorry per month. He bargained and finally reduced the amount to \$100 for the three lorries, which sum was duly paid.

Accused's Friend

The following month, said witness, he was in Shantung Street when Leung Kai told him the time was up and that he had better pay his dues. As Leung was a stranger to him he asked why he should contribute and was told by Leung that Lee had sent him to collect in connection with the three lorries.

Yip Tin, lorry driver, and his employer Lau Sam also gave evidence, after which Leung Kai, unemployed, of 99 Nan Chang Street, second floor, took the witness stand.

He declared that he knew accused before the war but became friendly with him only since September, 1946, when they began to visit each other, go out to lift, and rides on Lee's motorcycle combination. After stating that he would sometimes be called upon by Lee to assist in checking the number of passengers of vehicles to be summoned, and collecting various sums of money on behalf of Lee, witness went on to amplify the various collections he allegedly made on behalf of accused.

On Feb. 12 or 13 he called on Lee's house and handed to him \$80 which were collected from lorries 5505, 5290, and 5210, said witness, who went on to state that he also asked how much he should collect from lorry 5559 which was on the Mong Kok—Sai Kung run. He was told, said witness, \$50 per month. He went to see the driver the following day and told him: "Everybody is paying Inspector Lee \$50 per month. As regards your lorry, you have to pay \$50 a month. When the driver told him that he had no money, continued witness, he wrote down his address with instructions for the master to call on him.

He received \$50 from lorry 5218 in return for which Lee cancelled the summons against the driver, alleged Leung Kai. Lorry 5530 paid \$40 monthly, while \$30 per month was made by lorry 5071. Witness further declared that he was instructed by Lee to call on the driver of lorry-bus 5058 and inform him

that if paid \$30 per month Inspector Lee might cancel the summons against him.

On payment of \$40 per month, said witness, the summons against the driver of lorry 5596 was withdrawn \$30 per month was, alleged witness, collected from lorry 5505.

Driver of lorry 5843 was summoned twice as he twice refused to call on Lee when told that action would be taken against him, said Leung Kai. Finally, declared witness, the driver agreed to pay \$10 per week.

Other payments allegedly received by witness on behalf of accused were from lorries 5123 (\$40), 5122 (\$30 per month), 5591 (\$10 per week), and 5173 (\$10 per week). In connection with lorry 5133, witness said that only one payment was made, whereupon on the 3rd day of the 1st month Lee took down the licence number of the lorry and told the driver that he would be summoned. On the following day the owner called at witness' house and asked him to persuade Inspector Lee to forget the case and he would continue the payments. Lee, alleged witness, refused to do so stating that as he (the owner) had skipped his payments he must be taught a lesson.

"Black Market" Continuing, Leung Kai declared that on the instructions of Lee Kin he took down the licence number of lorry 5562 (on the Mong Kok-Tsuen Wan run) for speeding. He later went to see the owner to inform of the pending action against him, when he was prepared to pay \$40 to have the summons stopped and \$40 each month thereafter to stop further trouble.

In his note book, declared witness, were several tens of numbers, including those of "black market buses", which were given him by Lee with instructions to contact the owners and/or drivers for the purpose of collecting funds.

Witness then went on to corroborate the evidence of Lee Wah-yiu regarding the \$500 loan, emphasizing that it was on Lee's specific instructions that he did not give the visiting card to Lee Wah-yiu.

On the closure of the Crown's case, after evidence of arrest had been given by Inspector Danks, Mr. Shaftain submitted that a very strong case had been made out against the accused. He referred His Worship to his application to Mr. Blair-Kerr, when accused was formally charged, to have bail fixed at \$20,000, and reminded Mr. Latimer that it was on the representation of Mr. Silva that the amount was reduced to \$10,000.

Mr. Shaftain further reminded His Worship of three recent cases where accused all forfeited bail.

NOTICE

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

Members now resident in the Colony are hereby notified that unless their names are registered with the Secretary by 1st April, 1947, they will be considered as having resigned from the Club and will lose all privileges and rights of membership.

Likewise, members returning to the Colony in the future will be required to register their names within one month of the date of their arrival in order to retain membership of the Club.

By Order of the Committee.
D. W. MUNTON,
Secretary.

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Phone 32340.

and added that he would like to see public servants booked on such serious charges as bribery and corruption take their trial before a Judge and Jury. He submitted that in view of the evidence adduced by the Crown, the bail should be increased to the original sum named by him, namely \$20,000.

In opposing the application, Mr. Silva reminded His Worship that accused had consistently appeared in Court, even after the last hearing when the Crown produced its star witness.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS
No. 9 of 1947.

IN THE MATTER OF
Tung On Steamship Company Limited
and
IN THE MATTER OF
the Companies Ordinance 1932.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition presented to the Supreme Court of Hong Kong on the 21st day of February 1947 for confirming the reduction of the capital of the abovesaid Company from \$2,000,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$80 each to \$1,250,000 divided into 25,000 shares of \$50 each by paying back to the shareholders the sum of \$80 per share out of the accumulated profits of the Company, the capital proposed to be paid off being in excess of the wants of the Company is directed to be heard before His Honour Sir Henry William Butler Blackall, Chief Justice, on Tuesday, the 25th day of March 1947 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Any creditor or shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the reduction of the capital of the said Company under the above Ordinance should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose. A copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or shareholder of the Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

Dated this 1st day of March 1947.

WOO & WOO,
Solicitors for the abovesaid Company.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor), Hong Kong, on Friday the 28th March, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending the 31st December, 1946, and of electing three Directors and an Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th March, 1947, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
WONG WOON NAM,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1947.

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The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March, 1946.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1947.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING, 1947

The Meeting advertised for Saturday, 8th March, 1947, has been postponed until Saturday, 15th March, 1947.

All previous arrangements as to Time and Entries, together with Admission Tickets and Cash Sweep Tickets, including Through chances already booked will hold good for that date.

DECLARATIONS

Owners are notified that all starting declarations are cancelled. Ponies starting on Saturday, 15th March, will require to be declared in the usual manner.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1947.

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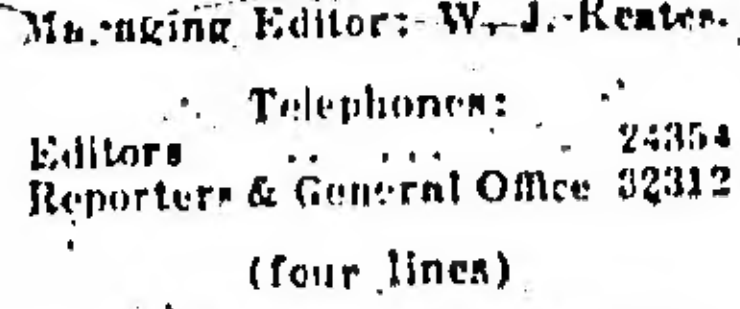
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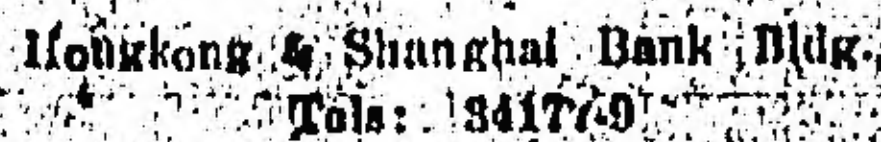
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However, Londoners seem cheerful: although many of us go about breathing threats and slaughter against the universe, we do not yet hold the Government responsible for the weather—but given time, no doubt we shall.

Meanwhile we sing, though hoarsely:

"Oh! To be in London now that winter's here."

Patna, Bihar, Mar. 9.—Mahatma Gandhi today denied a news agency report (not carried by Reuters) that he was planning to visit Bihar, where he contemplated undertaking a fast unto death if he does not find a change of heart among the Hindus of Bihar, where widespread Hindu-Muslim riots occurred last November.

Mr. Gandhi, who is now on a tour of Bihar to bring amity between Hindus and Muslims, said that he had no intention of fasting now, but added that circumstances might arise in the future when he might contemplate undertaking a fast.



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The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

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PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3, including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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EVE OF MOSCOW CONFERENCE Opening Date Of Talks Still Not Fixed Bitter Attack In Soviet Press

Moscow, March 9.

On the eve of the Foreign Ministers Conference, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, both celebrated their birthday today and exchanged greetings and congratulations. Mr. Bevin is 66 and M. Molotov is 57.

Moscow glittered in sunshine on the winter's warmest day and snow melted to slush on the pavements.

The Moskva Hotel, headquarters of the three visiting delegations, was today humming with preparations for the opening, though nobody knew exactly when this would take place. The visiting delegations are understood to be anxious for work to start as early each day as possible.

M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, and his party arrived by train at noon today and were met by M. Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet deputy Foreign Minister.

M. Bidault, accompanied by his wife who wore a light blue coat and fur, was greeted by a score of allied diplomats.

Several hundred Russians looked on with curiosity from an over-hanging balcony as he and M. Vyshinsky shook hands vigorously and film cameras turned.

Austrian Treaty

M. Vyshinsky and General Walter Bedell Smith, United States Ambassador to Moscow, then hurried off together to the airport in time to meet the plane from Berlin, which brought General George Marshall, Secretary of State and some of his advisers, including Mr. John Foster Dulles, Mr. Robert Murphy, Mr. Benjamin Cohen, State Department Counselor, and Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Director of the European Division of the State Department.

General Mark Clark, chief of the Occupation Forces in Austria, and other advisers were expected later.

General Marshall, a tall dignified figure in a fur-collared camel hair coat and grey homburg, was greeted by the French, British, Chinese, Turkish and Greek ambassadors and other diplomats.

There is known to be a keen desire among members of the visiting delegations here to see the Austrian treaty pushed to completion as it reached a more advanced stage than other work of the deputies in London and prospects of early success are considered far better than on the German treaty.

Some observers believe, therefore, that the Austrian treaty will have attention early in the conference sessions.

Ministers Confident

General Marshall and M. Bidault both expressed confidence in the success of the conference.

Recalling his wartime visit to Moscow, M. Bidault said: "I now return in peace time to participate in the steps to ensure that the common enemy cannot rise again. It is with full confidence in the outcome of the Moscow conference and in its success that I am here again."

Speaking into a microphone on arrival, General Marshall said: "We are here on a mission of tremendous importance and consequences. There have been many difficulties as you all know and undoubtedly there will be difficulties here. But they have all been met successfully and I am confident that we shall be able to overcome them and reach an agreement which will greatly advance the cause of peace in which we are all so much interested."—Reuter.

Soviet Attack

Moscow, Mar. 10. The authoritative Soviet Magazine "New Times" in a long series of articles bitterly attacked the American and British policy on Germany and Austria and criticized three prominent members of the American delegation attending the conference.

The magazine, which generally devotes most of its articles to matters concerning Russian foreign policy, also indicated its fulsome opposition to the Western powers' plan for a "Federalized Germany."

Three of Secretary of State Marshall's closest advisers—General Mark Clark, John Foster Dulles and Brig. General William D. Draper—were mentioned by the magazine. The "New Times" launched its main article with an attack on an exposition recently published in the London Times

on the position of the western powers. It described the British and American plan for a federalized political structure in Germany as "a foggy formula" and a means whereby the western capitalists meant to seize the main resources of the western zones of Germany while erecting a "Chinese Wall" between the eastern and western zones.

"Old Wolf"

The magazine added it was a question whether Germany was going to be a "peaceful state or a vassal of imperialism."

It upbraided Dulles for his proposals concerning Germany and characterized Winston Churchill as "the old experienced wolf of British imperialism."

Charging that the main aim of the British and American forces in their bizonal economic merge and loans to Germany under the import and export problem was to "rescue at all costs the reactionary forces of Germany and their economic bases from liquidation," the article concluded by asserting that the ambitions of the narrow monopolistic groups are dictating the plans for Germany's state organizations.

"This baneful policy must be energetically repulsed by all forces of democracy and progress."

The views of the "New Times" are read closely by foreign Embassies in Moscow as a straw in the wind suggesting the Soviet policy.—Associated Press.

MUTINY OF PARATROOPERS

Haifa, Mar. 9.

Sentence will be pronounced in due course on eleven young British paratroopers accused of mutiny, it was announced when a three-day Field General Court-Martial ended in Haifa tonight.

All eleven were charged with disobeying an order to make up their beds and lay out their kit on Nov. 15.

Reuter.

U.S. AT-BOMB MONOPOLY TO END?

London, Mar. 9.

The British mathematician and philosopher, Mr. Bertrand Russell said today that the American monopoly on the atomic bomb would not last more than five years. He asserted a world Government is mandatory if the new scientific world is to survive, and added: "Either we must consent entirely to a novel form of political-military organization or we must expect a world-wide disaster surpassing in horror all that the past in misfortune has enabled us to imagine."

He said that within five years all industrialized nations, which have access to adequate supplies of uranium and thorium, would have atomic bombs.

He said there are two ways in which a world Government may be created. "The better way is by an agreement between the nations; the easiest way by supremacy of a nation."

Mr. Russell added it was clear that the dominant power, if there were one, would either be America or Russia.—United Press.

CANKAR REMOVED

Belgrade, Mar. 9.

Dr. Isidore Cankar, Yugoslav Minister to Greece, who has been in Belgrade for several months, has been relieved of his duties.

The First Secretary and Charge d'Affaires of the Yugoslav Legation in Athens, Dr. Gokovic, who also returned to Belgrade several months ago, is expected to return to his post shortly.

In January, the Yugoslav Government announced that it had decided to recall its military attaché in Athens "in consideration of the circumstances."—Reuter.

Women Of The World, Unite!

Berlin, Mar. 9.

Dr. Anne-Marie Durand-Wever, Berlin physician who believes that women of the world must prevent another war, today was elected President of the "Democratic Women's League of Germany" at the closing session of the "German Women's Congress for Peace."

The three-day conference in Berlin's state opera house was attended by visiting delegates of the "International Women's Federation" from Russia and France and by British, Russian and American Military Government observers.

More than 2,000 women delegates represented all four zones of Germany. The grey-haired 61-year-old Dr. Durand-Wever, who graduated from the University of Chicago in 1910, told the conference that the aims of the League were to assure maintenance of peace and to look after women's interests.

"I think that no woman wants war and thus I feel that the German Women's League might make progress in assuring peace and bringing about international understanding."

Dr. Durand-Wever was the co-founder of the German Union of Women Physicians and led a campaign for birth control.—United Press.

8-YEAR OLD ENGLISH BOY BECAME A G.I.

London, Mar. 9.

All 11-year-old English boy who "joined" the United States Army when only eight and was adopted as a mascot by an engineering unit, with whom he stayed during the fighting in southern France, around Paris and on to Berlin, today was providing a problem for the police and immigration authorities at Newhaven, Sussex.

Speaking with a strong American accent and giving his name as Richard Lawrence from Feltham, Middlesex, he was picked up by British Military Police in Paris last week. Sent back to Newhaven under escort, he immediately escaped on landing in England, getting as far as Brighton before he was recaptured.

The boy said his first contact with the Americans occurred outside a hotel in the Midlands after he escaped from reform school. After telling the Americans he was an orphan, he was invited by the soldiers to join them.

According to Richard's story, he was smuggled in a barracks bag aboard an aircraft which flew from an airfield near Birmingham to the Continent. The engineering unit, with which he found himself adopted him as a mascot and he remained with them through the fighting, having narrow escapes from bombing and shelling on several occasions.

"Big Shot"

"Gee, I was quite a big shot," the young, pale-faced Richard told the press in a perfect Brooklyn accent. "I got the hang of Russian and German in no time at all and used to interpret for the fellows. After the war was over, I had a wonderful time. My buddies were swell guys."

Richard was given a specially tailored uniform and Army kit, divisional flashes and campaign ribbons and a special travelling pass. After the armistice, he travelled with his unit through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. When his unit was ordered to return to the United States, Richard became scared and jumped a troop train at Kiel. At Frankfurt he joined an American military police unit which he knew, but finding things different there, he left.

Gambling Should Be Nationalized

London, Mar. 9.

Will Nally, Labour Member of Parliament, has called for state-operated gambling to "protect the people against the swarm of parasites who infest the gambling industry."

"Nationalization of gambling," he declared in a statement, "is likely to command almost universal political support."

Nally predicted the whole question of football pools and other betting soon would be discussed by the Parliamentary Labour Party.

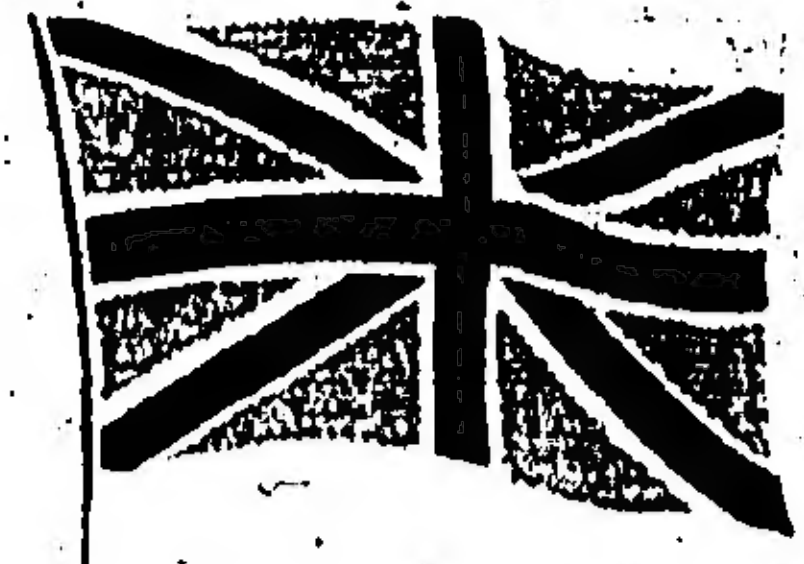
Newspaper estimates have placed the "grand total expenditure on the most popular forms of gambling" in Britain at approximately \$2,800,000,000 annually.—Associated Press.

Quads Boost 2-Year Plan

Prague, Mar. 9.

Quadruplets were born yesterday in the village of Bohotin, North Moravia, to Mrs. B. Cikryta, who had previously borne two sets of twins and one set of triplets.

The Communist daily, Rude Prava, said: "This is a wonderful contribution to the success of the two-year plan."—United Press.



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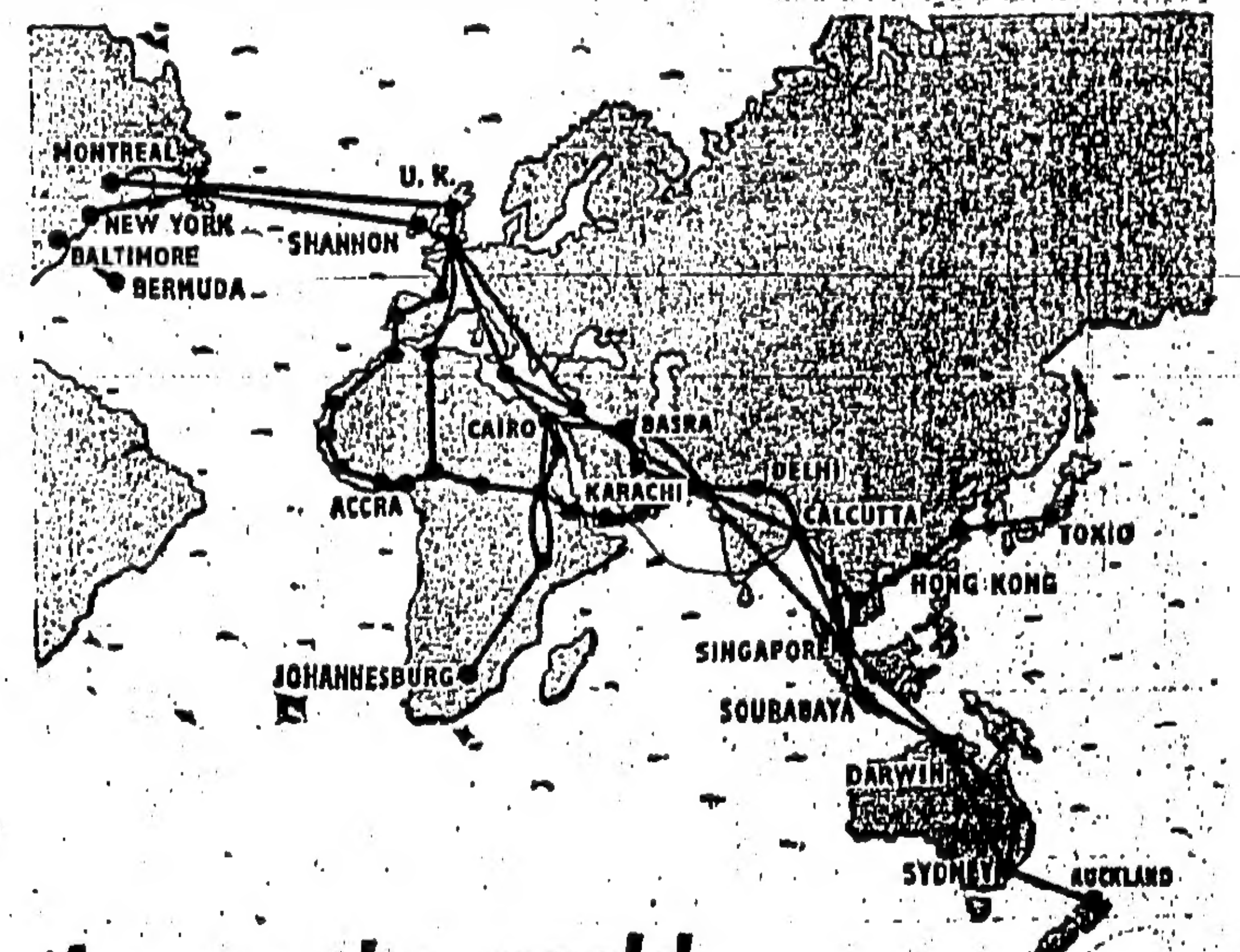
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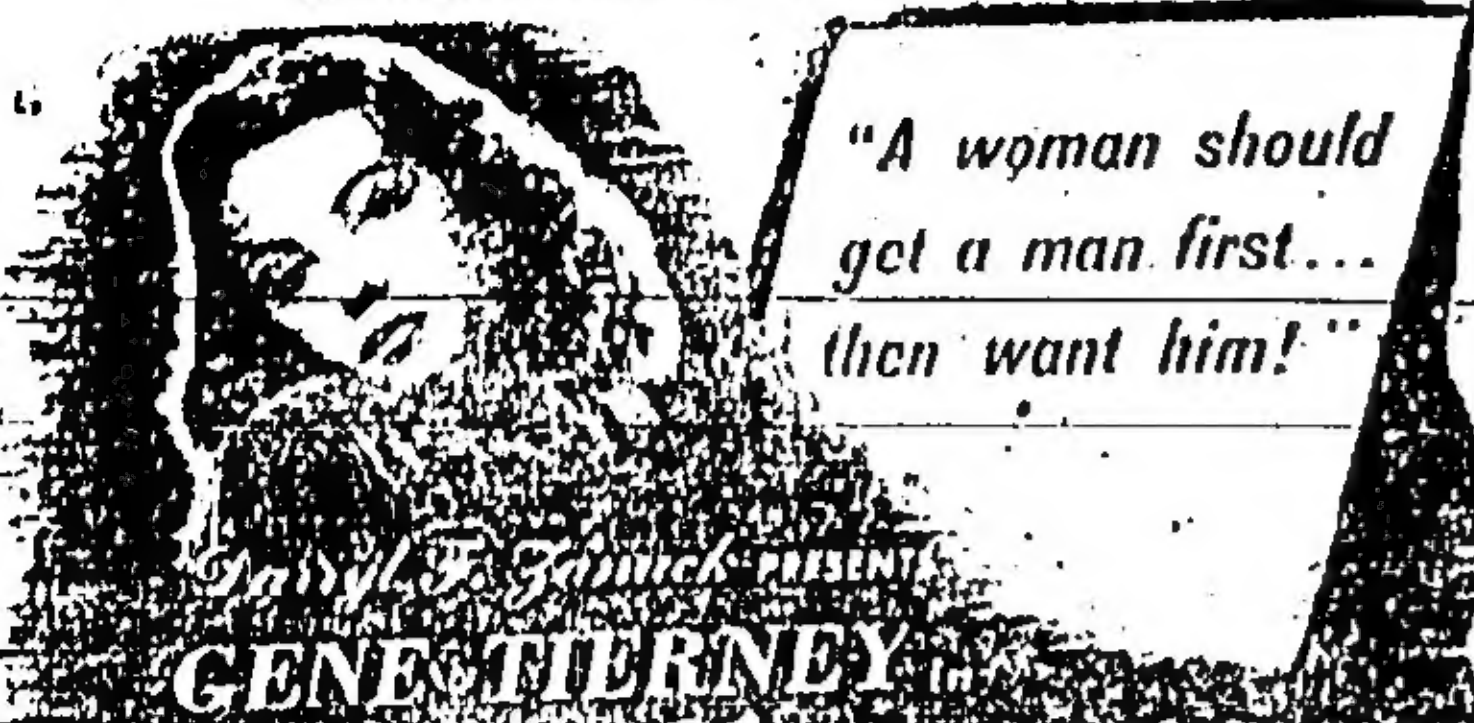
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EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE'S CORONATION

Vatican City, Mar. 9. One of the most colourful ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church will mark the eighth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XII on Wednesday in Michael Angelo's famed Sistine Chapel.

The Pope observed his 71st birthday and eighth anniversary of his election to the Pontificate on March 2 but no ceremony marked the anniversary will be commemorated with an official Church holiday and a ceremony faithful to the traditions of the Church.

The Pope himself faced a busy week with opening of the secret and public consistory on Monday for the canonisation of three French, one Swiss and one Italian saint. He will deliver a short address to the cardinals during the secret meeting. The public consistory is open only to certain ecclesiastical authorities.

The anniversary of the coronation will be observed in the tiny Vatican State by a solemn Papal Chapel to be held in the presence of the Pontiff.

High Mass

At 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday the ceremony begins when all cardinals present in Rome meet in the Borgo Hall in the Vatican Apostolic Palace. There they will don silken red robes decorated with white ermine, and await the arrival of the Pope.

The Papal procession proceeds to the Sistine Chapel where a high mass will be recited by Benedetto, Cardinal Aloisi Masella, the first cardinal elected by the Pope who is at

present in Rome. Patriarchs, archbishops and bishops, secretaries of sacred and religious congregations, apostolic dignitaries and consistorial lawyers—all garbed in multi-colored costumes designed in the Middle Ages—will from the Papal procession.

The latter group will wait in the Hall of Paramenti and join in the procession as the cardinals pass by with the Pontiff high on the gestatorial chair. Swiss guards in their uniforms designed by Michelangelo will lead the group, bearing halberds and wearing shining silver breast plates.

Intimate Ceremony

The noble guards of the Pope, selected from the proudest Roman aristocracy, in knee-high patent leather boots, tight white deer skin trousers and fitted blouses, will march beside the gestatorial chair with drawn sabres.

Once inside the chapel, famous for its decorations of 15th century frescoes executed by the most celebrated Umbrian and Florentine masters, the Pontiff will don his robes of rank and attend mass, facing Michael Angelo's famous Last Judgment over the altar wall.

After the Papal Chapel the procession will lead the way back to Borgo Hall.

In the Hall of Paramenti, the Pope will receive in an intimate

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW

Liverpool, Mar. 9.

A shuttle service of five of the largest troopships sailing from the Mersey will operate between Liverpool and the Far East from next Saturday until May, speeding up the home-coming of over 100,000 of service personnel—Reuter.

Swedish Trade Talks

London, Mar. 9.

Experts attached to the Swedish Trade delegation, which is due to begin talks with the British Government at the end of this week, will arrive here from Stockholm by air tomorrow.

After preliminary work by the experts, there will be negotiations for the purchase of textiles, iron and steel from Britain and also to Britain of paper, pulp and timber, suitable for use in the construction of houses.

It is not yet known whether the discussions will cover the purchase of prefabricated houses of which 6,000 have already been imported and put up in the United Kingdom.

Sweden has a credit balance of between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000, representing excess purchases made by Britain mostly since the end of the war—Reuter.

Brazilian Railways

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 10.

The Transport Minister, Senhor Clovis Pestana, yesterday confirmed reports that Brazil is planning to take over ownership of some British railways and utilities in Brazil.

Senhor Pestana said that the plan includes Leopoldina and Great Western railways, and the Light and Power and tramway companies of the northern cities of Belém, Manaus and Fort Alexia.

The Minister added that the recent similar action by Argentina had not influenced Brazil which was negotiating directly in England through her Embassy in London—Associated Press.

ceremony all cardinals and archbishops who attended the ceremony. Then they will present their homage and congratulations.

The Papal anniversary is quite a day in the Vatican. Gaily decked with the yellow and white Papal flag, the tiny state observes the anniversary with reserved rejoicing. All offices are closed and the 500 citizens of the state have a day of rest dedicated mostly to prayer and meditation.

Hundreds of congratulatory telegrams have started to pour into the Vatican—United Press.

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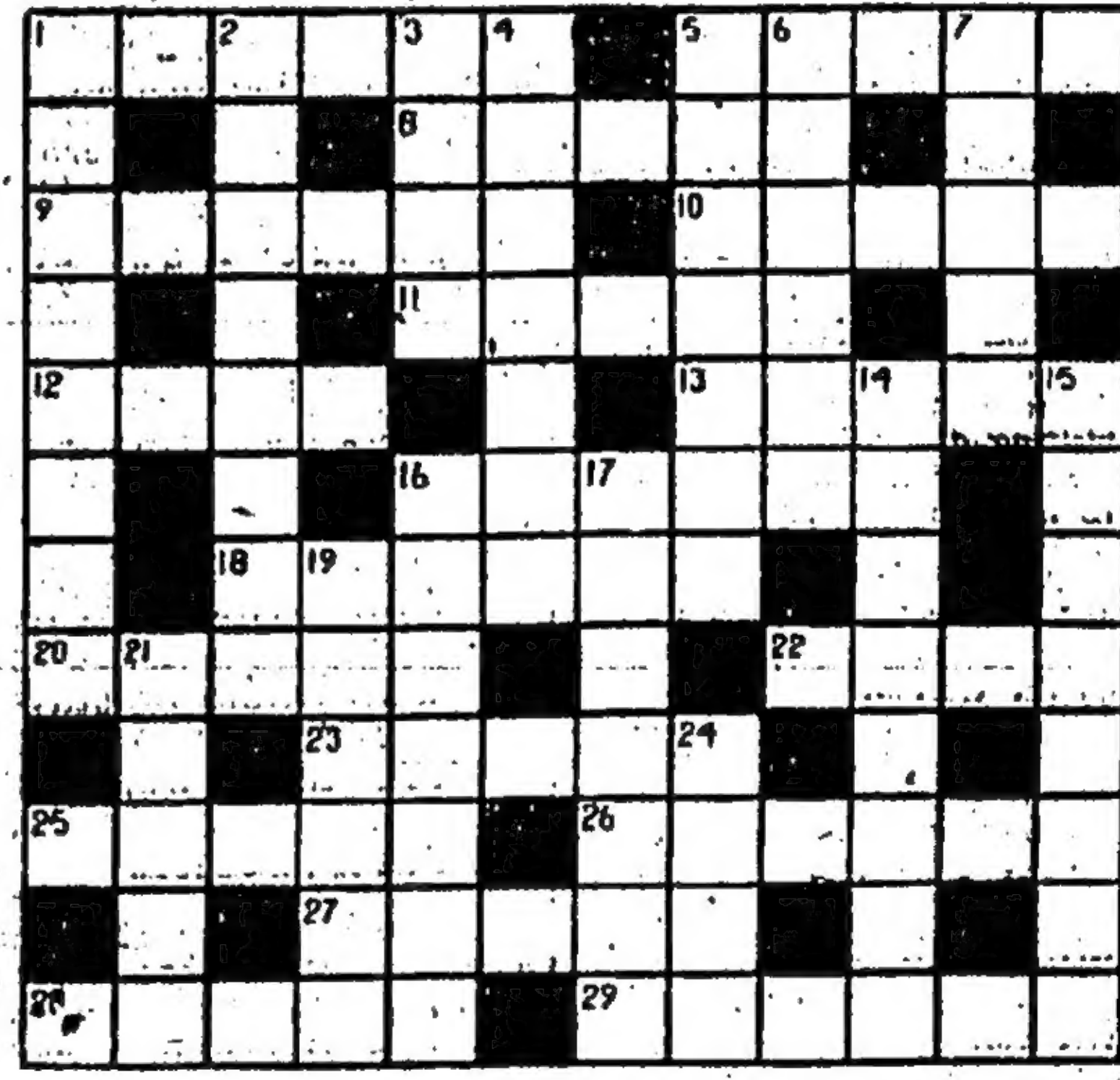
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1. Iterate. 20. New. 5. Inclined to believe. 21. Measure. 6. Allude. 22. Lukewarm. 7. Enemy. 23. Experiment. 8. Sound. 24. The movies. 9. Fundamental. 25. Racing tips. 10. Incautious. 26. Foreign. 11. Frighten. 27. Moving implement. 12. Pleased. 28. Withdraw. 13. Remark. 14. Pile. 15. Dress.

Clues Down
1. Rabble. 14. Supporter. 2. Urgency. 15. Not excessive. 3. Kind of horse. 16. Military formation. 4. Capable of 17. Devices. 5. Turn aside. 18. Property. 6. Portent. 19. Rustic. 7. Pipe. 24. Flat plate. 10. Unite. 19. Read. 20. Rapped. 24. Again. 25. Easily. 26. Zone. 27. Emend. 28. Status. 29. Down. 1. Also. 2. Chor. 3. Shm. 4. Senate. 5. Cockade. 6. Amused. 7. Perceps. 10. Merit. 13. Mundane. 14. Pillage. 15. Learned. 17. Rates. 18. Hipens. 21. Fast. 22. Dirt. 23. Dyes.

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